SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I fully agree with the hon. Member that it is not merely a question of law and order, we will have to tackle this issue in a very delicate manner, probing deep into the matter, trying exactly to know the grievances of those who are indulging into this kind of a terrorist activity. But at the same time, I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Members that there are certain countries which are interested in creating this kind of unrest in our country. That does not mean that we should totally give up the idea of going deep into the matter and trying to assuage the feelings of those who are now resorting to this kind of activity. In fact, they are misled people and we should try to solve their problem.

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: What about effectively sealing of the international border?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: International border sealing also we have tried our level best but having sealed the border in a particular area they sneak away from the other area, that I cannot deny.

श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा: सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि हमारे देश में जो दो समस्याएं हैं आतंकवाद की और नक्सलवाद की और मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में इन दोनों चीजों के लिए एक कोआर्डिनेटेड प्लान की बात कही है तो क्या कोई ज्वाइंट कोआर्डिनेटेड कमेटी मिनिस्ट्री लेवल पर या इन सारी स्टेट्स के लेवल पर बनी है जो ज्वाइंट ऐक्शन प्लान के फौलो-अप को देख रही है और अगर वह देख रही है तो उसके रिज़ल्ट्स क्या हैं ?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: This Coordination Committee for Naxalite activity has been set up. All the four State Governments have given the names of their representatives. They have met at Hyderabad. They have prepared the Action Plan and they have also proposed as to on what lines all the State Governments should take a coordinated action, but so far as the terrorist element is concerned, this kind of a coordinated action has not been taken up by the respective State Governments. If they were to agree, certainly this will have to be considered at that time.

**Clearance for Super Thermal Power Project**

*82. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms prescribed for issuing clearance for setting up of industries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the clearance for Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore, which is a joint venture with USSR, is being delayed resulting in escalation of Project cost; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The project proponents are required to provide relevant information pertaining to the likely environmental impacts of their activities in and around the sites proposed for siting of industries. The pre-requisites for consideration and issuance of clearance include the following:

(i) Filled—in questionnarie on environmental aspects;

(ii) Environmental Impacts Assessment Report along with Environmental Management Plan; and

(iii) No objection Certificate from concerned Pollution Control Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Part (b) of my question is whether it is a fact that the clearance for Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore, which is a joint venture with USSR, is being delayed, resulting in escalation of Project cost. I do not know whether he is in receipt of the project report or he is delaying. Unless, this is clarified, we cannot proceed further.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: This is with regard to there being no delay from my Ministry.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Actually, this is a joint venture project, protocol signed between India and USSR about three years back. This is a 2400 megawatt power project and it is expected to benefit all the southern States. Karnataka share of Unit 1 is about 111 megawatt. The unit is expected to be commissioned by 1995-96, but the major bottleneck is the clearance of the Environment Ministry. The project is pending for long in the Environment Ministry. The Chief Minister and the Environment Minister are in continuous correspondence from the year 1991, and here the Minister says that is is not being delayed. I would like to ask the Minister to give me chronological details of this work because this is my first question.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, it is a fact that this project was received in my Ministry in 1985 but it has not been pending because of delay on the part of my Ministry. The reasons for the delay are the following:

(1) There was delay in selection of proper site and preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report by the project authority itself.

(2) There was incomplete information which was submitted on environmental aspects, including utilization of ash and rehabilitation of the affected people.

(3) There were changes in the plan and capacity. Midway, while this project was being considered, there was a change in the whole project. The capacity was changed and the project authority was also changed.

(4) There were complaints by the local people and writ petitions against acquisition of agricultural land and ash disposal.

Sir, I have the chronological events with me and I can give them also. As I said, the project was received in July 1985 to set up a 2 x 210 MW unit at Kanjithaballur near Mangalore, hwich was submitted by KPCL. in July 1985 itself, within the same month, requisite information, including meteorological data, was asked for by us from the project authority. Sir, in September 1985 this information was received from the project authority. From then till May 1986 the proposal was discussed in the Environmental Appraisal Committee, a site visit was organized with the project authority and, considering the demands of the local people and the people who own agricultural land there and who had later gone to court, it was suggested that they may look for another site somewhere else. A fresh proposal, but without the Impact Assessment Report, was received one year later, in May 1987, for locating the plant at Nandikur. That means, this issue of Nandikur came up only in May 987. Only after one year — in fact, after more than one year — in July 1988, did the project authority submit the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Then, in January 1989 the project was transferred. Its capacity was changed, a new project was conceived in the same place, it was transferred from KPCL to NTPC and the generation capacity was increased from 1,920 MW to 2,420 MW. Again, in Janury 1989, that very same month when this happened, my Ministry undertook a site visit and the Environmental Impact Assessment Com-

mittee meeting was held and some more information was asked for. In June 1989 when no information was forthcoming from the project authority, this project was rejejcted in August 1989. In August 1990 this project was reopened at the instance of NTPC and in September 1990 it was recommended for clearance subjejct to compliance of certain conditions.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Sir, is he replying to a debate that he should take so long?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, he wants the chronological events and I am giving them to him... (*Interruptions*) ...if the House doesn't want them, I am quite happy.

श्री सभापति: 90 तक तो आ गये, कर दीजिए पूरा।

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, I am quite happy if the House does not want them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, don't be happy about it. Now come to 1991. You have given up to 1990 already.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, I will come to today. The present position is that as recommended by the Appraisal Committee, the NTPC has been informed that the site proposed for the plant is acceptable, and based on the undertaking given by the State Government there should be full utilisation of the fly ash. So, in other words, this project in principle has been cleared.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is all.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: While thanking the Minister for finally clearing it, I want to draw the attention of the Government...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Take care of the fly ash. He will give clearance.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: At what stage? This is a protocol signed with the USSR Government. Because of the procedural wrangles between the NTPC and the Environment Ministry, the project was rejected and dropped.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That was earlier. Now come to the present position.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: I am happy, I am thankful to the Minister for having given the...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is right.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Because he gave the chronological history we were able to know that this project had been rejected outright. What will be the effect...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now it has been accepted. You take care of the fly ash. He will give clearance.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Thank you, Sir.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Sir, the answer given by the Minister to part (b) of the question, I may say, is arbitrary. The question is twofold: One, whether there is delay: and another, whether there is escalation of cost. On both these counts the answer is not satisfactory. The delay has been admitted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wait a minute. He gave chronologically all the details that answer your supplementary. he has answered your supplementary.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: The answer is that there is no escalation of cost. With great respect I may say -- he says, "No" -- so far as escalation of the cost is concerned, the answer is not correct. There is escalation, whatever may be the reason for the delay. There is escalation of cost. Even for that you said, "No" I want to impress upon the Minister that it is not only with regard to this project. There are several other projects. In the Environment Ministry there is delay in every project proposed by Karnataka. It is not only

in this. In fact, this proposal was sent in February 1985. The Government of India Appraisal Team visited the site during May 1986. What is the report of the Appraisal Team... These explantions will not satisfy. This is no answer at all. We want clearance from the Environment Ministry. We are not bothered about all your explantions. It is not only over this project, but over all other projects the Environment Ministry is sleeping so far as Karnataka projects are concerned. I want a clear answer, a time-limit by when you are going to clear this project because the power shortage in Karnataka is very acute, and every power project has been scuttled by the Central Government by not giving clearance. I want the time-limit by when you are going to clear this project.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, the first point raised by the hon. Member is with regard to part (b) of my answer. The question was whether there was a delay. My answer was, "No." I will reiterate my answer, "No," because there was no delay from the Ministry.. (*Interruptions*) Let me finish.

I was answering it with regard to my Ministry. There was no delay from my Ministry and no cost escalation from any delay from my Ministry, there was no escalation of cost.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: He says that there is no delay. From 1985 to 1991 is there no delay? I dont want any explanation from them.

SHRI KAMAL NATH : If he does not want an explantion, he does not want an answer, what am I to do? But I was answering it with relevance to my Ministry. I have gone into the chronological details to establish that there was no delay from my Ministry. There were writ petitions. That can cause delay. That is not concerned with my Ministry. So, the point that I was trying to make is that the resultant cost, the increase in the cost, if at all, whatever be it, is not as a result of any delay by my Ministry. That is the point I was trying to make. If I was not clear, I am clarifying it now. With regard to his specific question about this project raised by him, I have said that this project has been cleared in principle. There are certain things being sorted out.

With regard to his statement that there are delays of all power projects, especially in Karnataka, I would like to inform the Member through you that there is only one pending project of Karnataka -- the captive power plant, Stage-II of KIOCL —which was received in my Ministry in April, 1991. I do not know which specific project the Member is referring to. If he does bring it to my notice, I shall certainly look into it.

**श्री रामदास अग्रवाल** : सभापति जी, पर्यावरण और वन विभाग इस समय देश का बहुत अधिक प्रभावशाली विभाग बन गया है । अब किसी भी उद्योग में चाहे वह विद्युत से संबंधित हो, चाहे वह खनिज से संबंधित हो या अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के उद्योग से संबंधित हो, इन सारे कार्यों में अब जो देर हो रही है, इन प्रोजेक्टों को इम्पलीमेंट करने में जो देर हो रही है, मैं समझता हूं कि इसके लिये वन विभाग उत्तरदायी है । मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो मानदंड आपने तय किये हैं, वातावरण के लिये पर्यावरण के लिये या शुद्धि के लिये तो मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि आप ऐसे मानदंड फिक्सअप करें जो अपने देश की परिस्थिति और प्रगति के अनुसार हों न कि दूसरे देशों की नकल हो । यदि हम दूसरे देशों की नकल के आधार पर अपने देश में मानदंड स्थापित करेंगे तो मैं समझता हूं कि हमारे प्रोजेक्टों में इसी तरह की डिले होती रहेगी । इसलिये मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि हमारे जो मानदंड तय किये जांय वे देश की प्रगति और परिस्थिति के अनुसार, भारत की आवश्यकता के अनुसार तय किये जांय, यह मेरा पहला निवेदन है ।

**श्री सभापति :** प्रश्न है ।

**श्री रामदास अग्रवाल :** मेरा पहला सवाल है । दूसरा सवाल मेरा उनसे यह है कि और मानदंड आप किस प्रकार से स्थापित करना चाहते हैं जिससे ... **(व्यवधान)**... मेरा निवेदन सुन लें । मैं बहस में नहीं जाना चाहता हूं । मैं सीधा प्रश्न पूछ रहा हूं । दूसरा राजस्थान का धौलपुर प्रोजेक्ट माननीय मंत्री के पास पांच साल से पड़ा हुआ है । इसे तीन बार पहले रिजक्ट किया जा चुका है और अब चौथी बार आपके पास आया है । मेरी समझ में नहीं आता कि जो इसकी पांच साल पहले तीन सौ करोड़ रुपये थी अब वह बढ़कर नौ सौ करोड़ रुपये होने जा रही है, तो राजस्थान गवर्नमेंट या सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट असिस्टेंस के तौर पर 6 सौ करोड़ रुपये कहां से लायेगी ? मैं जानना यह चाहता हूं कि आखिर इस डिले का उत्तरदायित्व किस पर रहेगा ?

**श्री कमल नाथ :** माननीय सदस्य ने जो मानदंड के बारे में अपने विचार रखे हैं...

**श्री सभापति :** मानदंड देश के हिसाब से बनाइये और दूसरा प्रोजेक्ट में देर हो रही है, छोटा सा सवाल है ।

**श्री कमल नाथ :** मैं उनको यह विश्वास दिलाता हूं कि हम किसी और देश की नकल नहीं कर रहे हैं । हमने कई पैरामीटर बनाये हैं और ये पैरामीटर बड़े सोच-समझकर, बहुतों के साथ चर्चा करके, कई संस्थाओं और संगठनों तथा प्रोजक्ट अथारिटीज के साथ चर्चा करके ही बनाये हैं । कोई नकल का प्रश्न नहीं है । यह बात कुछ सच है कि कुछ डिले पहले हुई । पिछले 5–6 महीनों में जो इसका अक्यूमिलेशन है उस पर पूरा ध्यान दिया जा रहा है ताकि भविष्य में किसी भी योजना को स्वीकार या अस्वीकार करने में देर न हो ।

**श्री सभापति :** वे राजस्थान के प्रोजेक्ट का जिक्र कर रहे हैं ।

**श्री कमल नाथ :** जहां तक धौलपुर थर्मल स्टेशन का प्रश्न है, माननीय सदस्य ने अपने आप कहा है कि पिछले पांच सालों में यह तीन दफा रिजेक्ट हुआ है । यह मामला फिर से रीओपन हुआ है । इसमें एक कमेटी अभी बड़ी जल्दी ही वहां का दौरा कर रही है । उस कमेटी की रिपोर्ट के बाद इस पर विचार किया जायेगा क्योंकि इसमें प्रश्न ताज पर असर का है कि कितना असर इस थर्मल स्टेशन का ताज पर हो सकता है ।

**श्री रामदास अग्रवाल :** ताज वहां से 70 किलोमीटर दूर है ।... **(व्यवधान)**. इससे संबंध नहीं है । सवाल मगरमच्छों को पालने का खड़ा हो गया है, बाकी कोई प्रश्न नहीं है महोदय ।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: There is a general impression among the industrialists and also various State Governments that it is the Environment Ministry which is delaying clearance of the projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Straightway I am coming to the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is right.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: But my information is that the delay is not being caused from the Environment Ministry but by the various Ministries of the Central Government. Whenever the Environment Ministry wants some particulars to be furnished from the Industry Ministry and various other Ministries for clearance of the projects they are not supplying it. That is why delay is being caused for clearance of the projects. But the entire blame is being put on the Environment Ministry. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, how many projects are pending for want of information from the various Ministries of the Central Government?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, it is true that when some information is asked

for from certain Ministries for clearance of the projects it is not supplied. Sir, I would emphatically like to inform the House, through you, when many of the projects are not moving it is the Environment Ministry which is blamed for not clearing it. A lot of data which is required is not furnished. There are clear guidelines for clearance of the projects. There is a booklet published on the basis of which information is asked for. But they do not furnish it. Letters are not replied to by the project authorities for years at a time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: which are those projects and how many?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: I do not have a list.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You require a separate notice.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: But I will supply to him.

The hon. Member wanted to know about Dholpur project. It is not a question mainly of environmental clearance. Dholpur thermal station has no coal link at all, has no CEA clearance, has no Planning Commission clearance but the emphasis is on environmental clearance. There is no coal link as yet. This was told to me in a meeting which I personally took on the 20th November, just a few back. Just saying that the delay is being caused by my Ministry is not correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 83.

**Strike by Service Doctors**

*83. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:†

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors of the Central Government Health Service went on a country-wide idefinite strike recently;

(b) if so, what are the issues involved; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to provide medical services to the patients visiting the hospitals and also to resolve the issues involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA). (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) A large majority of the General Duty Medical Officers of Central Health Service have been on indefinite strike with effect from the midnight of 11th-12th November, 1991. The medical college teachers and specialists of the CHS have not joined the strike.

(b) The strike is in response to call given by the Joint Action Council of Service Doctors' Organisations (JACSDO) which is demanding acceptance of the report of the High Powered Committee chaired by Shri R. K. Tikku in toto.

(c) The strike has made virtually no impact on the functioning of major medical institutions manned by the Central Health Service doctors, *viz.* Maulana Azad Medical College, Lady Hardinge Medical College University college of Medical Sciences and Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry along with their associate hospitals as well as major hospitals like Safdarjjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia. Some hospitals of the Delhi Administration like Hindu Rao and Deen Dayal Upadhaya

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Mohammed Afzal *alias* Meem Afzal.